



# SONIC

## THE COMIC

**SUN,  
SEA,  
SAND  
AND...**

**DON'T SAY  
A WORD!**

**STARFIGHTER  
3000 AND  
PANZER  
DRAGOON 2  
REVIEWS**



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STORIES**

**INCLUDING  
KNUCKLES  
& TAILS!**

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SEGA CHANNEL NEWS!**

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# CONTROL ZONE



Buy, Brothers!

What better way to chill out on a hot summer's day than with four cool new stories...

Fortunately, the heat hasn't slowed down

Sonic as he's joined by Chaotix in a new adventure, Heroes and Villains. Later, a certain hedgehog suffers a touch of anorak-nophobia in the fashionable Sonic's World story, New Image. Talking of style, Tails gets a new pair of trainers in Sneaker Seeker (but he'd better tread carefully!). Also, Knuckles embarks upon a new adventure in the Village of the Damned as he continues to drag that old chest of documents back to the Floating Island.

As promised, the time has arrived to join the 'Q' for crucial info, hints, tips and cheats galore on each and every Sonic game, especially for those Boomers who requested help getting through those niggly levels and zones. The Q Zone kicks off with some serious studying on Sonic 1!

How would you like to be able to tune into Sega for 24 hours of the day (bet your parent-humes wouldn't be too impressed!). Well, STC has the low-down on the much awaited Sega Channel in our special news feature! Also, check out the Saturn Reviews - Panzer Dragoon 2 and Starfighter 3000.

See you in two weeks time for another refreshing read!

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## NAME THAT ARTIST!

Back in STC 72, Boomers were given the chance to win a page of original, totally unique **Sonic** artwork. The catch being, you had to identify the artist.

The winning Boomer who correctly hit the nail on the head by naming **Mike Hadley**, is...

**Selena Thomas,  
Warminster, Wiltshire.**

Congratulations to Selina who is a budding script writer!



SEGA DRIVE

- 1 BRIAN LARA CRICKET '96
- 2 TOY STORY
- 3 FIFA SOCCER '96
- 4 SONIC AND KNUCKLES
- 5 RE TAZ-MANIA: ESCAPE FROM MARS
- 6 MS PACMAN
- 7 RE MEGA BOMBERMAN
- 8 AUSTRALIAN RUGBY LEAGUE
- 9 MICRO MACHINES 2
- 10 RE SONIC THE HEDGEHOG 2

## SATURN

- 1 ● EURO '96
- 2 ● STREET FIGHTER ALPHA
- 3 ↑ VIRTUA COP
- 4 ↓ PANZER DRAGOON 2
- 5 ↑ SEGA RALLY
- 6 ↓ FIFA SOCCER '96
- 7 ↑ VIRTUA FIGHTER 2
- 8 ↑ WIPEOUT
- 9 ↓ X-MEN: CHILDREN OF THE ATOM
- 10 ← DAYTONA USA

MEGA-CD

- 1 RE REBEL ASSAULT
- 2 ↑ BRUTAL; PAWS OF FURY
- 3 ↓ SOULSTAR
- 4 ↓ EARTHWORM JIM
- 5 ↓ B.C. RACERS
- 6 ● WORLD CUP USA '94
- 7 ↑ TOMCAT ALLEY
- 8 ↓ SNATCHER
- 9 ↓ ETERNAL CHAMPIONS
- 10 RE THUNDERHAWK

## GAME GEAR

- ↑ SONIC THE HEDGEHOG 2
- ↔ STAR TREK: GENERATIONS
- ↓ THE LION KING
- FIFA SOCCER '96
- ↔ MICRO MACHINES 2
- ↓ SONIC CHAOS
- ↓ ECCO 2: THE TIDES OF TIME
- ↓ SONIC THE HEDGEHOG
- ↔ COLUMNS
- ↓ REN AND STIMPY

IN THE WEIRD ALTERNATIVE DIMENSION KNOWN AS THE SPECIAL ZONE, FLOATS THE HEADQUARTERS OF THE CHAOTIX CREW.



TODAY, CHAOTIX HAVE AN UNEXPECTED VISITOR.

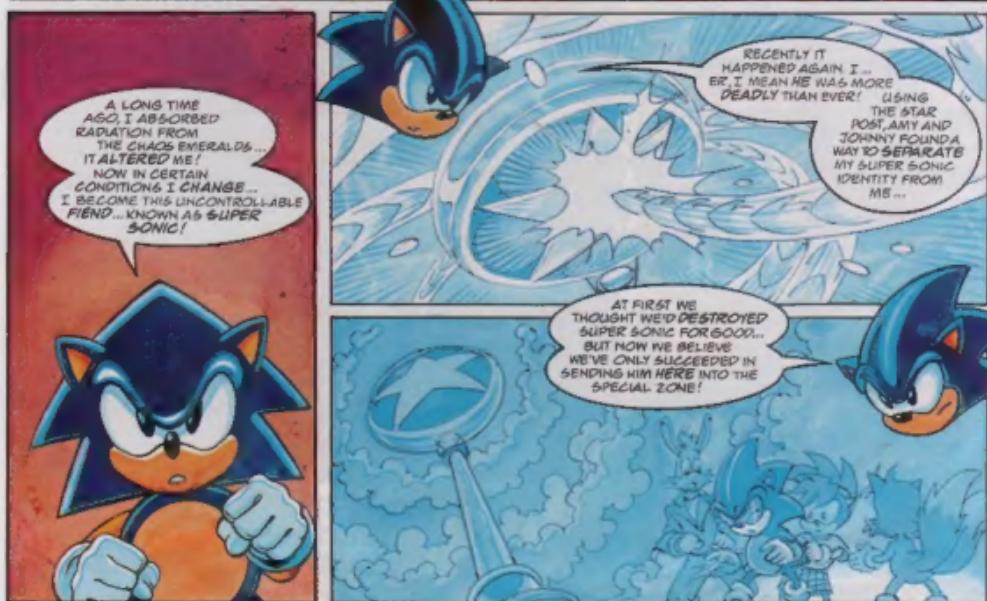


WHAT'S GOING ON, OMNI-F BING? WHEN DO YOU WORK FOR SONIC THE HEDGEHOG?

LOOK, VECTOR. ME AND SONIC GO BACK A LONG WAY. WHEN HE CALLED ME, I WAS ONLY TOO HAPPY TO HELP!

HEY, I DON'T HAVE TIME TO GET INVOLVED IN A STUPID ARGUMENT! NOT WHEN THE WHOLE OF THE SPECIAL ZONE IS IN DEADLY DANGER!







MEANWHILE ...









# REVIEW ZONE

YOUR GUIDE TO NEW GAMES RELEASES FOR THE SEGA SYSTEMS

STC'S RATING SYSTEM

UNDER 40 = YAWNSVILLE

40-70 = NORMALVILLE

70-80 = FUN CITY

80-90 = BIG TOWN CITY

OVER 90 = MEGA CITY

## PANZER DRAGOON 2

Reviewed by David Gibbin



SATURN

GAME TYPE: 3D ACTION ADVENTURE  
PLAYERS: 1

PUBLISHER: SEGA  
PRICE: £44.99

RELEASE DATE: OUT NOW  
AGE SUITABILITY: 11+

Panzer Dragoon was one of the fastest, biggest and best-selling games on the Saturn. It was a spectacular 3D adventure which saw the player flying around amazingly realistic worlds on the back of a laser-firing dragoon called Lagi.

In the sequel, *Panzer Dragoon 2*, the developers have included several additions which make this game an absolute must. For starters, there's the ability to complete each level by choosing different routes. The easier ones are worthless points, others are more difficult but with better rewards. You also get incredibly ferocious looking end of level bosses, tons of secrets and a new Dragon Evolution system. This sees your dragon start off as a small flightless hatching, which evolves into a magnificent skydart. As you progress through the game and earn more points, the dragon automatically gets bigger and the laser becomes more powerful.



*Panzer Dragoon 2* is something special. Everything is superb, from the way you can roam around worlds with 360 degree vision to the beautiful animation, not to mention the haunting, atmospheric, soundtrack and the perfected gameplay. If you want to see just how powerful your Saturn

is, then this is the game to buy!



## FINAL COUNTDOWN

### RAVES

A stunning game.



GRAPHICS 95

### GRAVES

Later levels could prove difficult for younger players.



SOUND 92

PLAYABILITY 92

OVERALL 93

# STARFIGHTER 3000

Reviewed by David Gibbons

GAME TYPE: 3D SPACE SHOOT-'EM-UP  
PLAYERS: 1  
PUBLISHER: TE-STAR ELECTRONIC STUDIOS  
PRICE: £39.99

RELEASE DATE: OUT NOW  
AGE SUITABILITY: 11+



The year is 3037, the setting is a planet called Federation, which after suffering centuries of warfare, is understandably not a pretty place. The basic plot is that the surviving leaders known as FedNet, decide to restore harmony and sign up an elite team of pilots to work for the FedNet Space Corp. As controller, you are asked to join them and fly a Predator Mark IV, which consists of the most advanced technology available.

Starfighter 3000 takes place across four different planets, each one featuring 15 missions with a different and varied objective. You start off as a Cadet whose aim is to progress to being a Commander, with your rank moving up each time a planet has peace restored.

The first few missions introduce you to basic flight controls, which allow you to practice destroying ground and air targets and working with your fighter squadrons. You must collect parachute drops and crystal combinations to enhance your weapons, shields and control.

The game is a near perfect, shoot 'em-up; featuring a massive set of 60 non-linear independent missions, each designed to offer an increasingly strategic challenge, it takes you back to the days



when gameplay was considered the most important factor.

What StarFighter 3000 has more of than any other game of this type is pure addictive fun. It also has excellent 3D virtua reality-style graphics, as well as a rocking soundtrack. The game is similar to the Mega-CD mega-hit, Thunderhawk, but includes many more missions and options. This looks like becoming a big hit on the Saturn.



## FINAL COUNTDOWN

### RAVES

Addictive and fun - requires thought as well as fighting techniques!



GRAPHICS 87

SOUND 84

PLAYABILITY 89

### GRAVES

some missions may be difficult for younger players.



OVERALL 86

# KNUCKLES

## VILLAGE OF THE DAMNED



PAGE 1

Rating: MATURE

Age: ADULT

Genre: COMIC



MOMENTS LATER

I DON'T  
BELIEVE IT! I'VE  
STUMBBLED ACROSS  
A VILLAGE!

THIS IS TOO  
GOOD TO BE TRUE.  
I'VE FOUND A TAVERN  
AND IT LOOKS OPEN  
EVEN AT THIS TIME  
OF NIGHT!

HELLO?

I ER  
WAS JUST  
PASSING  
AND

I'M  
LOOKING FOR A  
ROOM FOR THE  
NIGHT!

BOY, TALK  
ABOUT A WARM  
WELCOME!







HELP ME!  
SOMEONE  
PLEASE HELP  
ME!

# SEGA CHANNEL

READY  
WILLING  
AND  
CABLE!



Back in STC 42, the first news snippets about the mega revolutionary interactive Sega Channel in the US was revealed. Following a UK launch in June, cable TV customers in the South East of England have been able to access 24 hour a day Sega activity.

Subscribers to the Sega Channel are supplied with a special adaptor which connects their incoming cable TV line to their own Mega Drive console.

Prices vary between local cable operators (the cost is around £10 each month). Customers are able to play Sega games, get the low-down on Sega news and competitions, as well as having access to game tips and cheats.

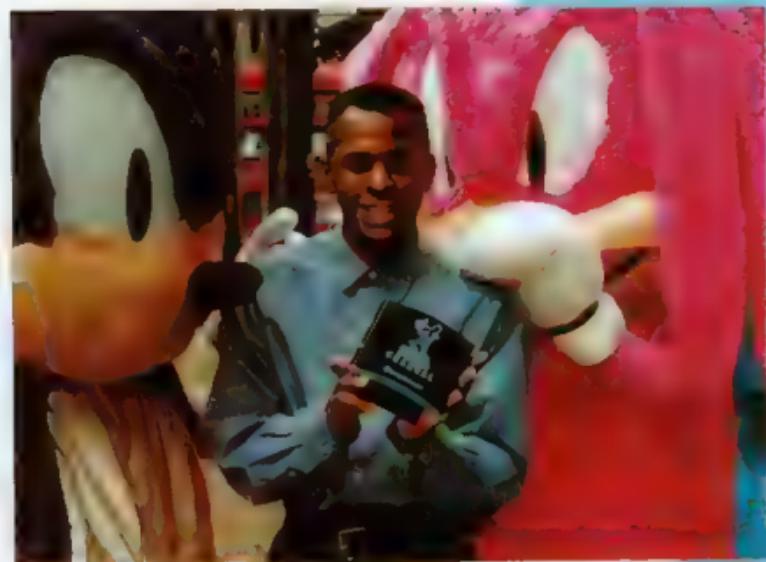


An on-screen menu allows you to select a choice of game types. Arcade (e.g. *Sonic & Knuckles*, *X-Men 2: The Clone Wars*), Sports Arena (e.g. *California Games*, *World Cup USA '94*), The Speedway (Outrun, Super Hang On), Family Room (e.g. *Ecco the Dolphin* and *Gorby's*), and the Strategy Room (e.g. *Sonic Spinball*, *Story of Thorey*). Games for each of these categories are updated on a monthly basis to

keep channel tuners on their toes. An excellent option is the 'Test Drive' section which enables the sampling of new Sega games before they are released in the shops, which is obviously handy for helping you to decide which game to put on your list next.

If parent-humes are reading this, there's no need to worry about Boomers going square-eyed or skipping homework (as if!); a unique Parental Control security option allows you to select the most suitable games and

regulate the amount of time spent game playing. Once the Parental Control option is activated with a PIN number, children are unable to download any game outside the parent-selected game rating. Of course, this means that when the youth of today are tucked up in bed, all adult humes will be tempted to take over and experience **Sega Channel** fun at its best.



The **Sega Channel** is currently available via Telewest Communications in Essex and Kent.

Arrangements for the rest of the UK are currently at the negotiation stage. The **Sega Channel** will be available in the north east of England from

1 September, and the North West of England from 1 October.

For more information on the availability of the **Sega Channel** in your area, call the cable hot line on: 0990 111 777.

Don't forget to get permission to pay the bill before telephoning.



THE DAY HAD  
BEEN QUITE  
PEACEFUL FOR  
TAILS SO FAR  
BUT ALL THAT  
WAS ABOUT TO  
CHANGE



# TAILS

## Sneaker Seeker

Script: TOM STRIDER Art: BOB COOPER  
Coloring: JEFF M. BURKE Cover: TOM FELT



STAY COOL  
BUDDY! WHAT'S  
WRONG?

TAILS! TAILS!  
THANK GOODNESS  
I'VE FOUND YOU!

NOTHING'S WRONG, TAILS  
I ER... DESIGN SHOES FOR  
A LIVING, AND I'VE MADE YOU  
A NICE NEW PAIR OF SNEAKERS!  
TRY THEM ON!



WELL, COOL!  
HOW MUCH ARE  
THEY?

PLEASE  
ACCEPT THEM  
AS A GIFT  
A JUST REWARD  
FOR ALL THE  
TIMES YOU'VE  
BEATEN DOCTOR  
ROBOTNIK!



THANKS,  
MISTER! WOW!  
I CAN'T WAIT TO  
SHOW SONIC!



WITH TAILS OUT OF SIGHT, THE TRUE IDENTITY OF THE "SNEAKER GUY" IS REVEALED  
— "TAKI'S TOP SCIENTIST GRIMER!"

HEH HEH HEH!  
THOSE SNEAKERS ARE  
MORE ATTRACTIVE  
THAN YOU THINK.  
FURRY FOOL!



SONIC WILL HAVE SNEAKER-ENVY  
WHEN HE SEES THESE EVERYONE  
SEES ME IN A DIFFERENT LIGHT  
NOW.

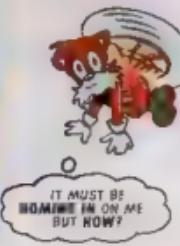
EIGHT, TAILS  
LOOKS SUCH A  
HUNK IN THAT  
FUNKY FOOTWEAR!

AAGH! RUN  
FOR COVER!

EEEK!  
WE'RE  
DOOMED!

ER, DID  
I FORGET MY  
ANTI-ODOUR  
INSOLES OR  
SOMETHING?

THEY SEEM TO  
BE RUNNING  
AWAY FROM  
SOMETHING  
BEHIND ME-HUH!





THANKS FOR THE  
PRESENT GRIMER, BUT  
THEY ATTRACT THE  
WRONG COMPANY!

NOW DON'T  
LEAVE THEM HERE!  
NOOOO!

# KABOOOMM!

GAWWW! GOT TO  
DETONATE THE  
MASSIVE 5  
SELF-DESTRUCT  
DEVICE TO SAVE  
MYSELF!

THAT'S THE  
LAST TIME I  
ACCEPT GIFTS  
FROM STRANGERS!

HEH  
TAILS IS  
WEARING  
HIS OLD  
SNEAKERS  
AGAIN!

HMPH! I KNEW HE  
WASN'T TRENDY REALLY!

I RATHER DRESS FOR  
COMFORT! FASHION TO DIE  
FOR JUST ISN'T WORTH IT!

THE END

NEXT ISSUE TROOPER TROUBLE!

# Q

# ZONE

**Q IS FOR QUESTION.**

**Q IS FOR QUERY.**

**Q IS FOR QUANDARY.**

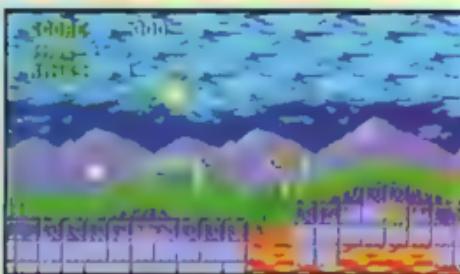
IF YOU WANT TO ENTER THE Q ZONE FOR KNOWLEDGE AND HELP FROM YOUR FAVOURITE SEGA GAMES, DROP A LINE TO:-

Q ZONE, SONIC THE COMIC, 25-31 TWISTED PLACE, LONDON, WC1N 9SU.

## SONIC THE HEDGEHOG 1 REVISITED!

STC's post-bags are spilling over with requests for cheats on classic Sonic games. Apologies to those of you who are already in the know, but for those Boomers who require help, the waiting is over thanks to David Gibbon and Chris Jones...

The following codes and cheats listed are guaranteed to be accurate. There's often a knack involved in getting them to work and Sega have assured STC that timing is important in that they need to be entered at a certain pace. They may not work straight off, but you'll get the hang of entering them in the right way.



### LEVEL SELECT

On the title screen (when Sonic is waving his finger back and forth), move the control pad **UP**, **DOWN**, **LEFT**, **RIGHT**, then you will hear a chime. Hold down **BUTTON A** and press **START** to go to the level select screen.

### DEBUG MODE

Again on the title screen, move the control pad **UP** + **BUTTON C**, **DOWN** + **BUTTON C**, **LEFT** + **BUTTON C**, **RIGHT** + **BUTTON C**. If done correctly, you'll hear the sound of Sonic picking up a ring. Hold down **BUTTONS A + C** and press **START**. Continue to hold **A + C** until the game starts. If this code has worked, the score on the top left of the screen will be garbled numbers. Once you have done it correctly, **BUTTON A** changes Sonic into different sprites, **BUTTON C** places where you want them, and **BUTTON B** changes you back into Sonic.

## CODES

Each ring worth over 25,000 rings	SCRAB9X0
High Jump	DDLTAAGL
Mega Jump	BOLTAAGL
Keep running shoes to end of a level	AEOTCABY
Some crabs go off their rockers	NCLTB9YE6
Some crabs disappear altogether	NCLTB9E6

**Defeat Doctor Robotnik in the Final Zone...**

Start by running to the right-hand side of the screen and wait. As soon as the electric pulses fall to the ground, Robotnik will come up in his machine. Jump onto him and land again to your left and anticipate where the electric pulses will fall. Run when you see a gap and stay there until they have gone, then immediately jump right. Again, jump onto Robotnik and keep repeating this procedure to defeat him.



To locate the Chaos Emeralds...

## JUNGLE ZONE - ACT 1

To reach it, go right until you come to a moving log across a waterfall. Jump onto the log, then fall down. When you've almost reached the bottom, go left onto a small green platform. Fall from this onto a rotating log in the river - keep the D-pad pressed left and you won't fall off! You'll eventually come to the emerald.



## SCRAP BRAIN ZONE - ACT 2

Head down until you see a gap. Jump across, get into the teleporter, head left, drop off a slope and go right, stand on the button to close the door behind you, drop through the next room to the floor, walk right to a teleporter and when you reappear you'll see the emerald!

## SKY BASE ZONE - ACT 2

Jump down onto a hoverboard and continue right across more hoverboards until you reach a blue ship. Jump left onto the hoverboard and left again onto a platform to pick up the emerald



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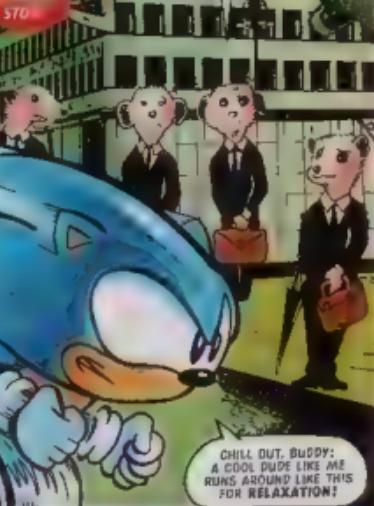
# SONIC'S WORLD New Image

Script: LOU STRINGER Art: CARL FLINT Colouring: STEVE WHITE Lettering: TOM FRAMPTON

A RUSH OF WIND A BLUR OF BLUE  
TWO MAJOR CLUES THAT SONIC THE  
HEDGEHOG IS IN TOWN!

WOW! LOOK AT SONIC GO  
SOMETHING MUST BE UP

STOP



CHILL OUT, BUDDY:  
A COOL DUDE LIKE ME  
RUNS AROUND LIKE THIS  
FOR RELAXATION!

STOP RIGHT  
THERE!

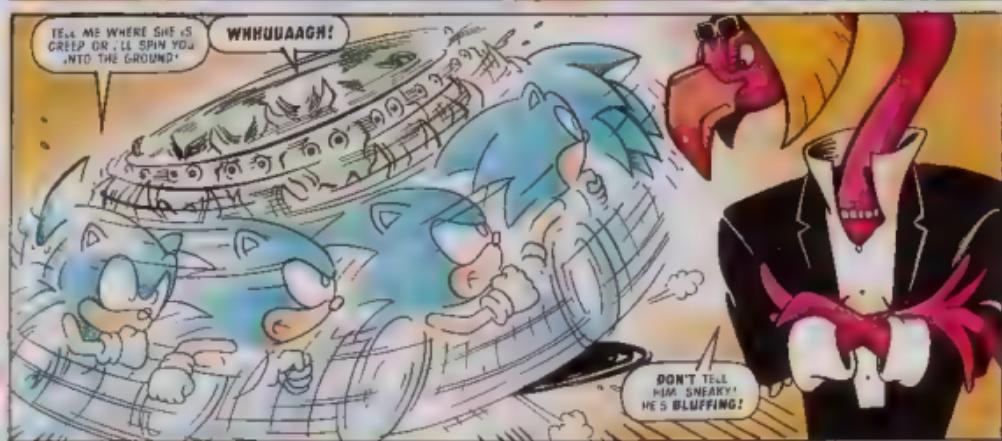
HEY! LUCKY FOR  
YOU DUDES I CAN  
STOP SUDDENLY!  
WHAT'S UP?

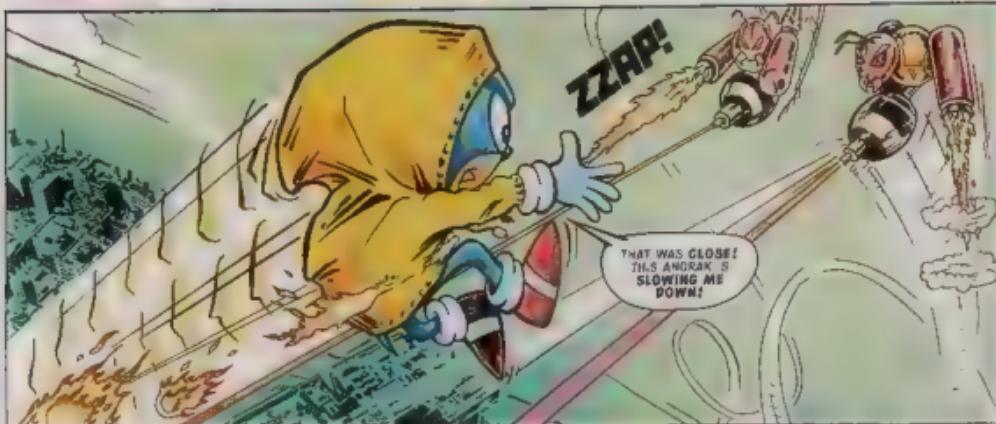
OUR BUSINESS CARDS  
I'M SNOOTY

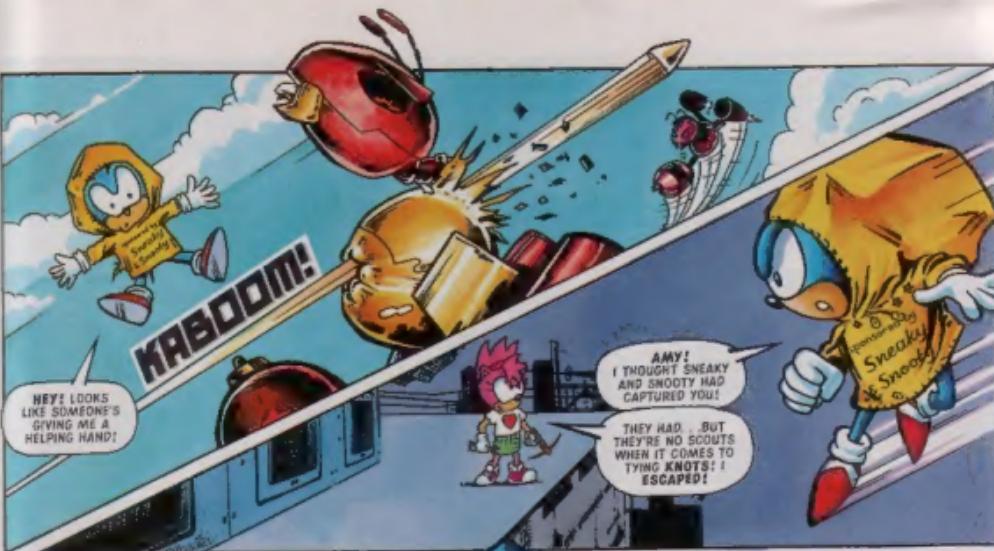
AND I'M  
SNEAKY!

WHAT IS THIS? I DON'T HAVE TIME  
TO WATCH STREET ENTERTAINERS!

WE'RE NOT STREET  
ENTERTAINERS! WE'RE IN THE  
BUSINESS OF ENCOURAGING SELF  
IMPROVEMENT AND WE  
THINK YOU NEED A NEW LOOK!









# SPEED LINES



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SEGA MEGA HOG TAG!



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messages to:  
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Be sure to include your snail mail (postal)  
address if you want to win a prize!

## BATHGATE NO MORE!

Dear STC,

Whose delivery service is STC using? My guess is that it's a company called 'Slow Mo' as I have recently had to wait until Wednesdays or Thursdays for STC to appear in my area! Today I even tried four local shops - and still had no success! Please ask Sonic to help speed up the delivery service!

Alan Stewart,  
Bathgate, W Lothian, Scotland.  
MD owner.

Sega Mega Hog Tag Winner.

Well, Alan, STC's on sale date did change to Wednesdays, but maybe it would be best for you to take out a subscription or alternatively ask your newsagent to put STC on "shop save", which means it's ordered and kept for you to collect.

## MORE MEGADROID!

Dear Megadroid,

I think you are cool and should have your own regular comic strip - even my family agrees that it's unfair you should have to answer letters all the time!

Emma Spragg, Rochdale, Lancs.  
MD owner.

Sega Mega Hog Tag Winner.



I don't mind replying to intelligent and tasteful Boomers like yourself.  
Emma! By the way, did you catch my comic strip in the last issue of STC?

The futuristic look!



Lynne Triplett, Edinburgh, Scotland.  
GG/MC0/HD/32X owner.  
Sega Mega Hog Tag Winner.

He hopes to have the whole world in his hands!



Mike Riley, High Wycombe, Bucks.  
Sega Mega Hog Tag Winner.

## HIGH Flier!

Dear STC,

When I was on holiday with my parents (very unhip), we saw a 60 foot high Sonic on the motorway (I won't say it was cool as it was a hot air balloon!). Apart from the Sonic Summer Special, which was brill, that was the best part of my holiday! Also, when is the Sega Bus coming to Glasgow as we have lots of Sonic freaks up this way! Sonic is my favourite but my Dad likes Robotnik 'cos he is bad enough to be a parent!

Gregor Hunter,  
Glasgow, Scotland.

Sega Mega Hog Tag Winner.



Unfortunately, Gregor, the Sega Bus is keeping a low profile this summer.

See if your dad can take you on the low road to London as Segaworld will be open from the August Bank Holiday.

# NEXT ISSUE

## SCREAM THEME PARK!

COMPLETE  
SONIC'S WORLD  
STORY



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STC SINCE ...

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FILM/VIDEO IS

BAND/SINGER IS

### MY SEGA SYSTEM ...

TICK:-

GG

MCD

MD

MM

MS

32X

SATURN

### SEGA GAME INTO STRIP!

I WOULD LIKE TO SEE

AS A COMIC STRIP IN STC.

### THIS ISSUE'S MEGA HITS!

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3RD CHOICE

### YOUR RATING FOR ISSUE 84

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